

[Report No. 36.]

JANUARY 20, 1847.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HAMLIN, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported the following bill :

A BILL

Authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to cause experiments to be made to test the efficient properties of a liquid fire discovered by Uriah Brown.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, authorized and
4 directed to cause such experiments to be made, under the imme-
5 diate direction and superintendence of Uriah Brown, as shall
6 thoroughly test the efficient properties of a liquid fire, and the
7 practical utility of a shot-proof steam-ship, (the invention of
8 said Brown,) for coast and harbor defence ; said experiments to
9 be made in the presence of competent judges, to be selected by
10 the Secretary of the Navy for that purpose ; whose duty it shall
11 be to report to Congress, at the earliest practicable period there-
12 after, the result of said experiments, and their opinion whether
13 the interest of the United States would be promoted by adopt-
14 ing this invention as a means of national defence.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That said Brown shall
2 receive the sum of dollars per day, while engaged in
3 making said experiments, together with all his travelling and
4 other necessary expenses : *Provided*, He shall not be so employ-
5 ed for a time exceeding six months.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of ten
2 thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of
3 any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for said
4 purpose.